

What I claim is:

1. A Stirling engine comprising a casing, a displacer arranged in said casing so as to slide, an expansion chamber and an operation chamber into which, and from which, an 5 operation gas flows with the operation of said displacer, and a power piston that is operated in response to a change in the pressure of the operation gas in said operation chamber, wherein said Stirling engine further comprises:

10 a displacer operation means having a moving yoke disposed in said displacer, and a pair of electromagnetic solenoids disposed to surround said moving yoke and juxtaposed to each other in the axial direction in said casing;

15 a power piston position detection means for detecting the operation position of said power piston; and

20 a control means for controlling to switch over the excitation of the pair of electromagnetic solenoids of said displacer operation means based on a detection signal from said power piston position detection means.

2. An actuator comprising a casing, a displacer arranged in said casing so as to slide, an expansion chamber and an operation chamber into which, and from which, an operation gas flows with the operation of said displacer, and a power 25 piston that is coupled to a to-be-operated member and is operated in response to a change in the pressure of the operation gas in said operation chamber, wherein said actuator further comprises:

30 a displacer operation means having a moving yoke disposed in said displacer, and a pair of electromagnetic solenoids disposed to surround said moving yoke and juxtaposed to each other in the axial direction in said casing; and

35 a switching-over means for switching over the

excitation of the pair of electromagnetic solenoids of said displacer operation means.

3. A Stirling engine comprising a casing, a displacer
5 arranged in said casing so as to slide, an expansion chamber
and an operation chamber into which, and from which, an
operation gas flows with the operation of said displacer,
and a power piston that is operated in response to a change
in the pressure of the operation gas in said operation chamber,
10 wherein said Stirling engine further comprises:

a displacer operation means having a moving magnet
disposed in said displacer, a fixed cylindrical yoke disposed
to surround said moving magnet in said casing, and a pair
of coils disposed on the inside of said fixed yoke;
15 a power piston position detection means for detecting
the operation position of said power piston; and
a control means for controlling to switch over the
direction of an electric current supplied to the pair of coils
of said displacer operation means based on a detection signal
20 from said power piston position detection means.

4. An actuator comprising a casing, a displacer arranged
in said casing so as to slide, an expansion chamber and an
operation chamber into which, and from which, an operation
25 gas flows with the operation of said displacer, and a power
piston that is coupled to a to-be-operated member and is
operated in response to a change in the pressure of the
operation gas in said operation chamber, wherein said
actuator further comprises:

30 a displacer operation means having a moving magnet
disposed in said displacer, a fixed cylindrical yoke disposed
to surround said moving magnet in said casing, and a pair
of coils disposed on the inside of said fixed yoke; and
a switching-over means for switching over the

direction of an electric current supplied to the pair of coils of said displacer operation means.